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Jennifer Kane
Indiana Natural Resources Commission

Dear Ms. Kane:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") and contained in LSA Document 07-659. The proposed rule makes several amendments and additions to 312 IAC 9-3. The proposed rule also amends 312 IAC 9-10-11 to clarify the methods of taking wild animals and the checking of traps under a nuisance wild animal control permit. The amendment to 312 IAC 9-10-11 requiring that any animal caught in a trap or snare be removed from that trap or snare the same calendar day is the only provision of the rule changes that may create a new cost for small businesses. The DNR estimates that one hundred and seventy-five (175) small businesses that have nuisance wild animal control permits will be affected by the rule changes.

The DNR indicates that the proposed rule changes will not impose any administrative costs on affected small businesses. Small businesses may incur some minor costs associated with checking and removing animals from traps on the same day that they are caught. However, the existing rules already require businesses to remove trapped animals at some point, and the incremental costs associated with removing them on the same day are not expected to be significant.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the rule changes. The DNR has received complaints over the past several years about nuisance wild animal control operators leaving animals in traps in inhumane conditions for more than twenty-four (24) hours. As noted above, the incremental cost of removing trapped animals on the same calendar day they are caught is not expected to be significant. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan Asberry".

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